



# West Valley City **POLICE**

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## **WVCPD Offers Incentive for Officers to Live in WVC**

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The West Valley City Police Department is announcing a new incentive for officers to live in West Valley City. Officers who reside in West Valley City will now be eligible to take part in one of two housing incentive options:

- The first option provides a \$10,000 lump sum payment toward the purchase of a home within West Valley City, plus a \$200 per month housing allowance for up to 36 months. Officers who take this incentive will commit to living in West Valley City for at least five years.
- The second option provides officers who rent within the city, or who already have a home within the city, with a \$200 per month housing allowance for up to 36 months.

These incentives are being offered to enhance recruiting efforts by the West Valley City Police Department and to fulfill the strategic initiative from our West Valley City Council to increase the number of officers living in West Valley City. Having a larger number of officers who live in West Valley City increases police presence and enhances public safety. Officers who live and work in West Valley City will be part of the fabric of the community and intimately aware of the community's wants and needs.

"West Valley City Police Officers already show an extraordinary commitment and level of dedication to the residents of West Valley City," says WVCPD Chief Lee Russo. "We believe this incentive adds another layer of investment in this community, because for these officers, West Valley City won't just be a place they work, it will be home."

Funding for the incentive program comes from a special appropriation out of West Valley City's general fund. We have established a \$100,000 initial fund for this program.

In addition to this new incentive, the West Valley City Police Department is continuously looking at ways to make working as a West Valley City Police Officer more attractive. WVCPD offers competitive pay, flexible shift schedules which allow officers to work either four 10-hour shifts or three 12-hour shifts, a take home car program and a lateral entry incentive program for currently certified officers.

"West Valley City Police department is a great place to work and now, more of our officers are going to find that West Valley City is also a great place to live," says Chief Russo

**Chief Russo will be available to discuss the new incentive program today, October 22, 2015 from 2:00-2:30 pm. Please let us know if you would like to meet with him during that time.**

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